

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information processing apparatus according to the present invention includes a retrieving portion, a communicating portion, a controlling portion, and a storing portion. The retrieving portion retrieves, from an information signal, a detection signal for detecting digital watermark information. The communicating portion transmits the detection signal to another apparatus and receives a processed result for the digital watermark information detected from the detection signal. The controlling portion performs control so as to restrict processing of the information signal, based on the processed result. The storing portion stores the processed result in a manner capable of communicating with another apparatus.